THE BASKET.

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THE "BASKET."

WE revive our little paper, the "Basket," partly for our own amusement and advantage, and partly for the amusement and benefit of its readers. How far we may be successful is a question. It is the intention to give such items of news about Haddonfield, and elsewhere, —but our town especially—as may be deemed suitable. Also, such miscellaneous short articles, anecdotes, etc., as may be thought of sufficient interest. Politics not admited, except as impartial news, notices and results.

The small size of the paper, [as large as the press we have at present will print,] will not admit of long articles or stories, which can be had in such abundance in the mammoth sheets and magazines. The several efforts to issue large and expensive papers in Haddonfield have failed from the fact that they could not compete with the city papers. We are too near the great cities for any such enterprise here. It requires a large capital to start a large newspaper, and to make it successful. This initial number of our little paper may be succeeded by a weekly issue, if it should be thought desirable. If the residents should look upon the matter favorably, and are willing to contribute towards the expense, either by advertising, or paying for the paper at the rate of one cent per No., we shall not object.

PRINTING.

A town of the size, improvements and "culture" of Haddonfield without a Newspaper, or at least a Printing Office, is an anomaly—sui generis. It is true, several efforts have been made to establish such an enterprise here, but they have all in time yielded to the inevitable, not having a sufficient supply of "rocks," or "backbone," to make them successful. In earlier times the nucleus of a town consisted of a tavern, a grocery, and a blacksmith shop, but now a printing office, even if a small one, is a constituent part of such a beginning, including the village newspaper; for the men who start these offices generally have newspaper on the brain, and the mania, once implanted there, is irrepressible.

Very often, however, the man who has the courage to start a newspaper has a hard time of it; but he struggles on and offers to take for subscriptions due to him beans, corn, cabbage, potatoes, pumpkins, or almost anything else, for the older members of the family, and little shoes, pinafores, or a rattle for the baby, if he happens to have one. By such means he may finally succeed; but if he fails, he bids his friends and customers adieu, migrates, and probably will "try, try again," the same thing in some other place, for, when an individual gets newspaper on the brain, as before remarked, it will require pretty severe treatment to cure him.

In one case that terminated disastrously, the editor, on bidding his "patrons" an affectionate adieu, said he was thankful they had not mobbed him. He did not say why. Perhaps he had taken their money in advance for his paper and then failed to supply it. Sometimes the "heavy weight" and business men, for the sake of having an "organ" in the town, will come to his aid, and he may thus pursue his hobby so long as the aid lasts, or until he achieves success.

"A Woman in her right mind may be a very lamb, but when she's in love you can no more influence her against the object than you can coax a great fiery locomotive to take a quiet walk with you in the woods."—**So says a woman writer, and she ought to know.**

[Guess she's about right.—Ed.]

While politicians are disputing about monarchies, aristocracies and republics, Christianity is alike applicable, useful and friendly to them all.

JOB PRINTING.

It is our intention to do some small JOB PRINTING, such as Cards, small Circulars, Bill-Heads, Programs, Funeral Notices, &c. In starting, our assortment of type is somewhat limited, but will be increased as occasion may require. Our prices will be very moderate.

ALBUMS.

These ALBUMS are large, handsome and showy, being about 11 inches in length, 8½ in width, and 2 in thickness, with spring clasp, nicely ornamented, and well put together and bound. Places for 20 large, (cabinet size,) and 56 small Photographs. They were made in Germany, at a price which it is said they cannot be made for in this country. The price certainly is very low for an Album of this size and make—Only $1 25.

Call and see them. If you don't like them, you needn't buy. There will be no harm done.

WRITING FLUID. We are preparing a superior Writing Ink, that will not corrode the pen, flows freely, no sediment, not injured by freezing, very fine for Fountain and stylographic pens. A trial of a [illegible] bottle is solicited.

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"THE BASKET."—A little paper by this name was printed a few years ago in Haddonfield; but suspended from the fact that the income was not sufficient to pay its expenses. An attempt to revive it is hereby made by the issue of one number. We may issue it weekly or occasionally, as circumstances may indicate, or as we are moved thereto.

If any one feels disposed to quiz about the size of the paper, all we have to say is that the press we now have absolutely refuses to print a larger sheet, and would "strike" at once were we to attempt it, even without the beck of the mischief-making "walking delegate." We may obtain a larger one in time.

Haddonfield is growing at a rapid rate. New buildings are in process of erection all the time in some part of the town. We had not been at the upper end of the town for some time until a few days ago, and then were somewhat surprised to see a large new dwelling near the Mann mansion, and understand that it has been built by Mr. Chas. Mann for his own use and occupancy. It is in the modern style, and quite ornamental.

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Dr. Stevenson has made such alterations and additions to his house as to give it a more modern aspect. Among the rest there has been added a piazza in front and one on side of the house, and ornaments over several of the windows. These, with a variety of paint colors, has given it a very different appearance from what it had when the plain old Quaker lady owned and occupied it. What she would think or say if she were permitted to see it in its new and gay dress, it is difficult to form an opinion.

Quite a notable wedding took place last week in the town. John H. Bell and Sarah E. Nicholson were married according to Friends' ceremony in Friends' meeting-house, in which had gathered a large audience to witness the affair. There were five bridesmaids,—Anna Nicholson, (sister of the bride,) Maggie Bell, Louisa Troth, Carrie Bacon, and Beulah Evans.

The wife of Edw. F. Ludlow met with a terrible accident last Monday. In passing by an oil stove that was standing on another stove, her clothing or the handle of a baby-coach she was pushing, caught and upset it, by which her clothing was set on fire, and before assistance arrived, she was so severely burned from head to foot that she survived but a few hours. Her funeral is fixed for next Friday.

The house was in danger, but saved by the neighbors and others arriving in time.

We have been informed of another case of painful burning of a woman, some days ago, whose clothing took fire from a cook-stove.

A Chrysanthemum show is announced for Nov. 8th, 9th and 10th in the N. J. Building.

A large funeral passed along the Main street on Sunday afternoon, headed by a colored company, followed by a white one, marching to the tap of a drum. Behind these came the hearse, the coffin being draped in the American flag, and attended by a guard. After these came about thirty carriages, in which the races mingled promiscuously. They were escorting the remains of WILLIAM G. COWARD, their late comrade of the G. A. R., a colored brother, to his last resting place upon earth.

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A meeting of Repulicans is advertised to be held in the Town Hall, Thursday Evening, Nov. 3rd.

A County Convention of Sunday School workers in the Methodist Church, Thursday, Nov. 3rd.

The Baptists have had a Convention in Haddonfield, which was largely attended. The visitors were stationed about among the people, but dinner and supper was provided for many of then in the Jersey Building.

A meeting of Prohibitionists was held on Wednesday evening in the Town Hall. Several speakers, music, &c.

An Entertainment is announced for Friday evening, Nov. 4, in the N. J. Building. Stereoptican Views, Lecture, &c., by Mr. C. E. Bolton.

DIED,—On the 1st inst., SARAH A. WILLITTS. Funeral from the residence of her husband, Nathan D. Willitts, near Haddonfield, on Sixth day, at 2 P.M.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

OF THE

VILLAGE OF HADDONFIELD,

NEW JERSEY,

BY JOHN CLEMENT, ESQ.

It speaks of the old-time owners of the lands, roads, &c., from 1681, down to later dates, with reminiscences of the part it sustained in the Revolutionary war, there being two houses still standing that were used—one for a prison and the other where the Committee of Safety held their meetings. Also, some account of Dorotha Todd, who was at one time quite a belle in Haddonfield, and afterwards married James Madison, who subsequently became President of the U. States. The Main street was called the King's Highway.

It is a small pamphlet of 24 pages. Price, 10 cents.

Also, for Sale, a sett of beautiful extra heavily plated

Silver - Ware.

Made to order, been but little used and carefully handled; six pieces; cost fifty dollars; will be sold for thirty-five. Would be a nice Christmas New Year's or Wedding Present.

A PARLOR ORGAN for Sale at a low price Suitable for a small Church or Sunday School.